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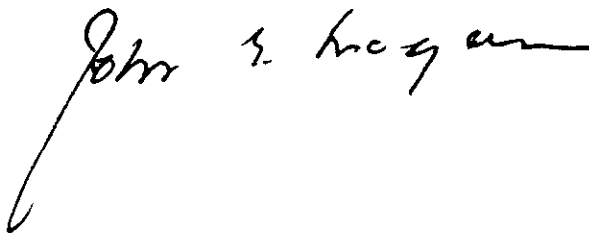
Ms Marlene H Dortch  
Secretary of the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D C 20554

Re *Ex Parte* Conversation  
Channel 16 in the New York Metropolitan area  
Docket MB 03-159  
~~Docket ET 03-158~~

Dear Ms Dortch

On December 11, 2003, Chief John Gilmartin, Commanding Officer, Office of Technology and Systems Development, Police Department of the City of New York, had a conversation with W Kenneth Ferree, Chief of the Media Bureau, regarding the issues in the above dockets. In the conversation Chief Gilmartin reiterated the importance of channel 16 to public safety communications in the New York Metropolitan area. He related that additional investment in public safety communications in the region awaits the Commission's decision on the proposal to provide permanent authority for public safety agencies to operate on channel 16. He urged the Commission to take prompt and positive action committing channel 16 in the New York Metropolitan area permanently to public safety communications.

Respectfully,



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W Kenneth Ferree, Chief, Media Bureau

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